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Todd Michael Wernicke, et al.	:
Serial No.: 09/830,251	:
Filed: July 11, 2001	:
	Confirmation No.: 3337
	Group Art Unit: 1751
	Examiner: Charles I. Boyer

For **METHODS FOR LAUNDERING DELICATE GARMENTS IN A WASHING MACHINE**

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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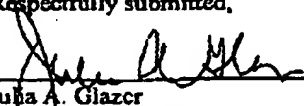
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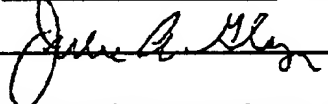
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